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In re application of

Docket No: Q92733

Masahiro NOMURA

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Examiner: Hiep NGUYEN

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For: MULTI-SUPPLY-VOLTAGE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 11-41090, published February 12, 1999, previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed January 20, 2006.
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,393,577, issued May 21, 2002.

None of the listed documents is being submitted herewith, since each reference has either been previously submitted or is a U.S. patent. Also, enclosed is a copy of the corresponding

Chinese Office Action, dated December 28, 2007, along with an English language translation of the pertinent portions thereof.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

Except as otherwise noted in the Information Disclosure Statement for the item cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement, that the item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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